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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/277,495; Filed: November 28, 2000
For: **Analogs of Human Basic Fibroblast Growth Factor**
Inventors: Springer *et al.*
Our Ref: 1503.0220002/JAG/THN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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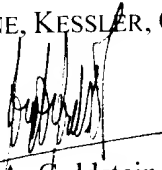
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Respectfully submitted,

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